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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by: (HS)

## AN ACT CONCERNING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO INDIVIDUALS TO PURSUE POST SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2007) The Department of Children 2 and Families may provide financial assistance for post secondary 3 school educational or vocational opportunities to any individual who 4 is committed to the department or was committed to the department at 5 the time of such individual's eighteenth birthday. The department 6 shall prescribe conditions of eligibility for the receipt of such financial assistance and other program requirements deemed necessary in the 8 department's policy manual. For any new application for financial 9 assistance received by the department on or after July 1, 2007, financial 10 assistance provided to an individual by the department may not 11 exceed, on an annual basis, the total cost of in-state tuition, room, 12 board and matriculation fees associated with attending The University 13 of Connecticut at Storrs on September first of the calendar year in 14 which the request for financial assistance is made. Notwithstanding 15 the provisions of this section, if an individual has been determined eligible for post secondary school financial assistance by the department prior to the effective date of this section, and the amount of financial assistance being provided by the department on behalf of such individual exceeds or will exceed the limit prescribed by this section, such individual may continue to receive the higher amount of financial assistance provided the individual is in full compliance with the department's program requirements.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2007	New section

**HS** Joint Favorable